



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### CHRONIC RECURRENT MULTIFOCAL OSTEOMYELITIS AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS: Chronic Recurrent Multifocal Osteomyelitis (CRMO) is a rare non-infectious autoinflammatory disease that occurs primarily in children and adolescents; and
- WHEREAS: CRMO is a genetic disorder that affects one in 1 million females and one in 6 million males. At least 26 children in Georgia are affected by CRMO; and
- WHEREAS: Symptoms of CRMO include periodic and severe pain and joint swelling, fevers, and bone lesions. Those affected may frequently experience additional diagnoses such as failure to thrive due to CRMO; and
- WHEREAS: Treatment of CRMO may require frequent MRI scans and the use of anti-inflammatory drugs that may have harmful side effects; and
- WHEREAS: CRMO is often underdiagnosed or misdiagnosed. Increased awareness and understanding of the disease is critical to further research and help improve the quality of life of those affected; and
- WHEREAS: On CRMO Awareness Day, events and fundraisers will be hosted across the state to support organizations such as Kaila's Komforts that provide CRMO patients with information and resources regarding treatment and recovery; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 2017 as CHRONIC RECURRENT MULTIFOCAL OSTEOMYELITIS AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 29<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Chris W. Riley*

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